(c) The major schemes put in place by the Central Government for development of small scale and tiny industries relate to enterpreneurial development, infrastructure development, technology upgradation, marketing and improving the flow of credit. The Ministry of Small Scale Industries has launched with effect from 10th August, 2005, a 'Policy Package for stepping up credit to Small and Medium Enterprises'.

As per information received from the Government of Punjab, the State Government has brought in the new industrial Policy 2003 with effect from 1st April 2003. Major steps to rejuvenate, modernise and enhance competitiveness of industries taken under this policy include 30% capital subsidy (maximum Rs. 30 lakh) to a new small scale units in border districts, and 25% capital subsidy (maximum of Rs. 25 lakh) for Light Engineering, Textile, Hosiery & Knitwear, Sport Goods and Agro & Food Processing units.

(d) The number of new industrial units set up (registered) in Punjab during 2003-04 was 729 and in 2004-05 was 798.

Increase in imports from China

310. SHRI T.T.V DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of goods from China has almost trippled during the last three years;

(b) if so, the major categories of goods imported and the regimes in India where they are sold more;

(c) whether any case of trade distortions and dumping has come to the knowledge of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The value of imports from China during the last three years is as under:

(US $ MILLION)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (P)
Import	2792.04	4053.23	6746.66
%age growth	+37.10	+45.17	+66.45

(Source DGCI&S)
(P) - *Provisional*

The major categories of goods imported from China are electronic goods, coal, coke & briquettes, organic chemicals, electrical and other machinery, medicinal & pharmaceutical products and textile yarn, fabrics & made ups.

The regimes where these items are sold more are not available in this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) has initiated anti-dumping investigations into 86 cases involving China during the period from 1922 to 2006 so far. These cases relate to Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Steel, Fibre and Yarn and Consumer Goods, etc.

Export of spices

311. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Spices Board made any sustained study on the potential for exports of various spices;

(b) if so, the details of the potential of their export, spice-wise;

(c) the details of any promotional activity undertaken by the Spices Board for exports in the current fiscal year;

(d) which foreign demand have been identified by the Spices Board;

(e) whether the Spices Board succeeded in obtaining any export orders during current financial year;

(f) if so, the details thereof;